



**JANUARY 2009**

# **THE FREMONT NEWSLETTER**

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## **BUDGET COMMITTEE & TOWN MEETING**

The Fremont Budget Committee continues to meet and review budgets. Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 7, 2009; and the Town's Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday January 13, 2009 at 7:30 pm; with the Committee convening at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted. Petition warrant articles are due on January 13, 2009 by 4:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office.

Fremont's first annual Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday January 31, 2009 at 9:00 am. The snow date for the Deliberative Session is Saturday February 7, 2009 at 9:00 am. The Deliberative Session will be held at Ellis School in the gymnasium.

This session is similar to the traditional Town Meeting, but is held earlier. During this meeting, articles can be explained, discussed, debated, and amended. The articles as presented or amended will be placed on the official ballot and voted on at the second session (March 10, 2009).

Due to space constraints, the warrant cannot be printed in the Newsletter, but will be available on the Town's website after finalization at the Public Budget Hearing (by January 15<sup>th</sup>). The changes made at the Deliberative Session will make up the Official Ballot which is published in the Town Report; and is what will be voted on Tuesday March 10, 2009 at the polls.

Election day is Tuesday March 10, 2009 with polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Sample ballots will be available from the Town Clerk; and more information will become available in the February Newsletter.

## **SCHOOL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

The Fremont School District Public Budget Hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday February 9, 2009; with the Committee convening at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted.

The deadline for submission of School District petition warrant articles is Monday February 9, 2009.

Contact the SAU Office at 895 6903 for details and information on submission requirements.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The Annual School District Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday March 14, 2009 at Ellis School. The snow date is Saturday March 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm, also at Ellis School.

## **OFFICE CLOSURES**

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Thursday January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's Day.

Trash collection will be delayed one day during the New Years holiday week. Thursday collections will be on Friday and Friday collections will be on Saturday.

[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)

A longer edition of the Town Newsletter is on the website, where articles are re-run from prior months; or additional information is added that will not fit in the print edition.

## **2009 TOWN WARRANT**

The Town Warrant for 2009 will contain the following:

Election of all Town Officers

One Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Operating Budget

Warrant articles for:

Capital Reserve Funds for the following purposes:

Highway Building Fund \$15,000

Police Cruiser \$12,500

Town Hall Renovations \$25,000

Revaluation \$25,000

Historic Museum Expansion / Renovation \$10,000

Fire Truck \$25,000

Radio Communication Equipment \$5,000

Highway Equipment \$20,000

Other warrant articles:

Highway roller and trailer \$15,000

Mosquito Control Program \$49,550

Highway road overlay work \$74,620

New Police Cruiser (funded from Capital Reserve)

Police Detective's Car \$18,197 (partially funded from Cap Reserve)

Revaluation preparation for 2010 (funded from Cap Reserve)

Increase in the Town Clerk's Salary

Increase in the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer Salaries

Renovations to the Town Hall (partially funded from Cap Reserve)

Energy exemptions

Disabled exemption

Cable Access Town Trust Fund \$25,000 (funded from franchise fees)

American Red Cross \$425

And any Petition Items submitted by the January 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Please review the posted warrant in preparation for the Deliberative Session on Saturday January 31, 2009. The posted warrant will show the Selectmen's recommendations and the Budget Committee's recommendations (once complete).

At the Deliberative Session, articles can be amended to reflect voter choices. Please make your voice count by participating in this important, interactive meeting on Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am at Ellis School.

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON BUDGET REPORTS AND THE WARRANT ONCE THEY ARE FINALIZED.**

## **SUPERVISORS TO MEET**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet January 20, 2009 between 7:00 and 7:30 pm at the Fremont Public Library for new registrants and for any changes voters wish to make to their voter registration forms. This is the last time to register prior to the Town Deliberative Session on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

As we see the onset of winter and lots of snow, please be mindful that the Town right-of-way extends generally 13 feet off the edge of pavement. In the winter months, much of this area is used for snow removal and storage. Do not plow snow across public roadways. Please be sure that children do not play in snowbanks along the roadway, for their safety!